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IN THE ABSTRACT:

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A method and apparatus for selecting a desktop from a plurality of desktops for use upon turning on a computer system are provided. When the computer system is turned on, it is first determined whether there is more than one desktop available in the computer system. If so, the computer system determines whether a network address is associated with some or all of the available desktops by comparing its network address with the network addresses that are associated with the available desktops. If the computer system finds a network address that is the same as its own network address, the computer system then uses the desktop associated with the stored network address.

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